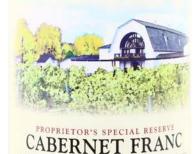




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#### Tasting Notes:

Notes of violet and dark

bramble fruits such as

*blackberry* and *black* 

raspberry characterize

the rich aromas. Palate-

coating flavors of black

currant and spices with

ripe tannins carry through

to the smooth finish.



#### Food Pairing:

Filet mignon, pasta with bolognese, mushroom

risotto, braised short ribs.

# 2021

### CABERNET FRANC PROPRIETOR'S SPECIAL RESERVE

#### HUDSON RIVER REGION, ESTATE BOTTLED

**Grape Varietals:** 100% CABERNET FRANC

Harvest Date: OCTOBER 21, 2021

Harvest Brix: 21.0°

Malolactic Fermentation: 100%

**Barrel Regimen:** AGED FOR 15 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK

Bottling Date: FEBRUARY 2023

**Case Production:** 250 CASES

2021 Growing Conditions: An average winter was followed by late March/April warming. A wetter than normal summer gave ample vine growth. The weather dried up mid-August and gave us 2 months of great weather for ripening. The season ended with a big rain coming through the very end of October, but we harvested every last grape before it hit.

Wine Background: Cabernet Franc, a relative of Cabernet Sauvignon, is a small grape with high acidity, but has a less intense profile and is typically medium to full-bodied. Although it was once used mainly as a blending grape, Cabernet Franc has become quite popular as a stand alone varietal.

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#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

The fruit is sourced from our ripest blocks in our estate vineyard and consists of an almost equal portion of two of the three clones of Cabernet franc that we grow, 623 and 327. Perfumed red berry fruit along with enticing cola and oak spice create this deeply aromatic Estate Cabernet Franc. The mouthfeel is a harmonious balance of weight, acidity and fine lenthy tannins that allow for early drinking but will benefit from extended aging.

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2022

### CABERNET FRANC PROPRIETOR'S SPECIAL RESERVE

#### HUDSON RIVER REGION, ESTATE BOTTLED

**Grape Varietals:** 100% CABERNET FRANC

Harvest Date: OCTOBER 16 & 19, 2022

Harvest Brix: 22.5°

Malolactic Fermentation: 100%

**Barrel Regimen:** AGED FOR 14 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK: 20% NEW FRENCH OAK

Bottling Date: MARCH 2024

**Case Production:** 150 CASES

**2021 Growing Conditions:** The growing season started with a cool, wet spring which gave us a slow start. The warm, dry summer with minimal rain allowed the vines to catch up eventually. Harvest started ontime at the end of September with warm, dry weather which gave us excellent quality of fruit.

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Hudson River Region, Estate Bottled



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# HUDSON VALLEY WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

## DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL + BEST IN CATEGORY: RED WINE

## WINE ENTHUSIAST MAY 2024 BUYING GUIDE

92 Points EDITORS' CHOICE

This plum-colored Cab Franc, from a warm, wet vintage in the mid-Hudson Valley, is juicy and aromatic, the savory herbs woven between brambly dark berry fruit. A big lift of acidity is grounded by plump fruit and herb-flecked tannins that add structure and texture. This is a lovely example of the variety fromone of its long-standing wineries. Editors' Choice. -C.P.